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wherein said inner wall component comprises polytetrafluoroethylene, said outer wall component comprises polytetrafluoroethylene and an inorganic filler, and said outer wall component is disposed around and bonded to said inner wall component.

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11. (Twice amended) The assembly of claim 4 wherein said inner wall component and outer wall component are bonded via a layer of polytetrafluoroethylene disposed therebetween.

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Please add new claims 29 through 31 as follows:

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29. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said inner wall component and said outer wall component are co-extruded.

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30. The assembly of claim 11 wherein said inner wall component, said outer wall component, and said layer of polytetrafluoroethylene are co-extruded.

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31. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said inner wall component is substantially free of inorganic filler.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 and 25-31 are now pending in the application. Although applicant believes and represents that the claims as previously presented were in full compliance with all requirements of the patent statute, including 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and 112, claims 1 and 11 have been amended, without prejudice, to facilitate prosecution. In particular, claim 1 has been slightly rewritten and amended to emphasize that the inner wall component and the outer wall component of the tubular article are, in some fashion, bonded to one another.